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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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For: **DEVICE AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING A THICK MATTER PUMP**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Attn: **Mail Stop PCT**  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application,  
please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims,  
which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.